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SEC. 6. A license fee of \$5 shall be paid by any applicant for each such license to the said board of health before any such license shall be granted or issued and the holder of any such license shall pay a further fee of \$5 for each annual renewal and reissue of such license.

GALVESTON, TEX.

Maritime Quarantine—Prevention of Plague—Rat Guards. (Ord. Sept. 30, 1915.)

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of any person in charge of any vessel that is docked, berthed, or moored to any wharf, pier, or bulkhead, or alongside any other vessel so moored in the harbor of Galveston to furnish upon request the following information to the boarding city health officer or his representative:

- (a) Name of vessel.
- (b) Name of the master.
- (c) Name of the agent or consignee.
- (d) Character of the cargo contained in said vessel.
- (e) Name of the port from which said vessel sailed.
- (f) Name of all ports at which said vessel may have touched or called since said sailing.
- (g) Time and place and where said vessel was last fumigated.

Refusal to furnish this information shall render such person liable for penalties as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person in charge of any vessel to dock, berth, or moor, or to cause to be docked, berthed, or moored, any such vessel at or to any wharf, pier, or bulkhead in the harbor of Galveston unless said vessel shall be fended away from such pier, wharf, or bulkhead (except during stormy weather, or by and with the consent and permission of the city health officer or his representatives) a distance of not less than 8 feet, by efficient pontoons or rafts.

SEC. 3. It shall be unlawful for any person in charge of any vessel to lay, fasten, or cause to be laid or fastened any line, rope, or cable from such vessel to any pier, wharf, or bulkhead, or to any other vessel so moored, in the harbor of Galveston, unless such line, rope, or cable is fixed and equipped with what is known as a "rat protector" or "rat guard," the same to be not less than 36 inches in diameter and of an efficient pattern and design, and in all cases the rat protector or rat guard on each line, rope, or cable of such vessel shall be fixed and installed not more than 3 feet distance from side of said vessel and in such manner as to prevent the passage of rats.

SEC. 4. It shall be unlawful for any person in charge of any vessel to lay, fasten, or cause to be laid or fastened any line, rope, or cable from such vessel to any wharf, pier, or bulkhead, or to any other vessel so moored, in the harbor of Galveston, on which it is impossible to fix and maintain a rat protector or rat guard within the distance designated in section 3 of this ordinance, unless such line, rope, or cable is provided with a freshly tarred piece of canvas or tarpaulin, retarred every night, said canvas or tarpaulin to be securely wrapped around said lines, ropes, or cables for a distance of not less than 3 feet in length from the side of said vessel.

SEC. 5. It shall be unlawful for any person in charge of any such vessel that is not fended away from any pier, wharf, or bulkhead a distance of 8 feet, to dock, berth, or moor any such vessel to any pier, wharf, or bulkhead in the harbor of Galveston unless all hawse pipes, deck ports, cabin scuttles, scuppers, and all other openings on shore side are properly screened or covered with a freshly tarred piece of tarpaulin or canvas, retarred every night, said screen, canvas, or tarpaulin to be securely lashed in place so as to prevent the passage of rats.

SEC. 6. It shall be unlawful for any person in charge of any such vessel to lay, place, or install, or cause to be laid, placed, and installed any ladder, rope ladder, steps, gangplank, or gangway from such vessel to any other vessel, or to any pier,

wharf, or bulkhead in the harbor of Galveston between the hours of sunset and sunrise except during such time as said vessel may be actually receiving or discharging cargo or passengers, and immediately upon such vessel's ceasing to receive or discharge cargo or passengers, any and all ladders, rope ladders, planks, steps, gangplanks or gangways leading from said vessel to any other vessel, or to any wharf, pier, or bulkhead shall be withdrawn and removed, with the exception of one ladder for the accommodation of said vessel's crew, said ladder to be well lighted with brightly burning lamps, to be kept in place about 12 to 14 inches apart at the top and bottom of said ladder. The person in charge of said vessel shall also maintain a night guard at top of said ladder and said ladder is to be made rat proof by means of a well-tarred piece of board or canvas at top and bottom of said ladder.

SEC. 7. It shall be unlawful for any person in charge of any vessel to lay, place, or install, or cause to be laid, placed, and installed any ladder, rope ladder, step, gangway or gangplank from such vessel to any other vessel, or to any pier, wharf, or bulkhead in the harbor of Galveston between the hours of sunset and sunrise, except during such time as said vessel may be actually receiving or discharging cargo or passengers, and immediately upon such vessel's ceasing to receive or discharge cargo or passengers, any and all ladders, rope ladders, planks, steps, gangplanks, or gangways leading from said vessel to any other vessel or to any pier, wharf, or bulkhead without exception, shall be withdrawn and removed when so ordered by the city health officer or his representatives.

SEC. 8. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw or discharge any organic refuse, galley scraps, or wastes on the wharves or part of the wharves of the harbor of Galveston or into or upon the waters of Galveston Harbor.

SEC. 9. It shall be unlawful for any person in charge of any vessel to permit the throwing of or discharging of galley scraps or wastes into the waters of the harbor of Galveston, or upon the wharves of Galveston Harbor, said galley scraps and other wastes to be burnt in the ship's furnace.

SEC. 10. It shall be unlawful for any person in charge of any vessel to permit the use of any and all water-closets on the shore side of said vessel when other water-closets are available.

SEC. 11. By the term "any person in charge of any vessel," as used in this ordinance, is meant any person who as a master or officer is in charge of and has authority over said vessel.

SEC. 12. It shall be unlawful for any person in charge of any vessel that has not been fumigated, and having sailed from or having touched at a port infected or suspected of infection with bubonic plague to discharge or permit to be discharged any freight, cargo, or passengers without maintaining a strict watch on all gangways, planks, or steps leading from said vessel to prevent the passage of rats.

SEC. 13. It shall be unlawful for any person in charge of any vessel having sailed from or having touched at a port infected or suspected of infection with bubonic plague to remove any crated cargo from such vessel until said cargo shall have been carefully inspected by a competent inspector appointed for this purpose by the health officer of the city of Galveston, to insure against rats being brought ashore, and said inspector shall be paid for his service by the person in charge of said vessel.

SEC. 14. Any person who shall violate any section of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than \$10 nor more than \$200.